



FRIDAY EVENING AUG. 27, 1909.

DR. WILEY'S resignation from office may be one of the results of the mighty opposition centered against him at the convention of the Association of State and National Food and Dairy Departments now in session in Denver, under personal leadership of Secretary Wilson, who is Dr. Wiley's superior officer in the Department of Agriculture. It is learned that the reactionary food interests desire not only to use benzene of soda, but other chemicals which have been prohibited through Dr. Wiley's efforts, and it is known that these manufacturers are and have been opposed to stating the presence of the chemicals on the labels. Supporters of the label rulings contend that this is the only means of granting the consumer the privilege of using discretion as to whether he wants to eat chemically preserved foods. Otherwise he would have no choice in the matter, no chance to avoid chemically preserved foods, even if he regarded them harmful. Secretary Wilson himself, however, has already ruled against the wishes of the reactionaries on this point. A victory for the advocates of chemicals would likely carry with it other restrictions, all of which would practically end Dr. Wiley's usefulness in office. Rather than suffer such handicaps in his efforts to protect the purity of the country's food supply, it is probable that Dr. Wiley would resign, if he were not asked to do so. It is not improbable that Dr. Wiley and his supporters have walked into a trap set by the chemical food men which may spell disaster to the pure food cause generally. He is a thorn in the flesh of the food and drug adulterators who will stop at nothing to get him out of their way.

A WASHINGTON correspondent writes as follows:

Royall Cabell is already the most potent influence in the republican party in Virginia insofar as the federal administration is concerned. It is obvious that this power will be enormously increased when he becomes commissioner of internal revenue on the 1st of September. Mr. Sleep is not as strong with the Taft administration as he was with Theodore Roosevelt. Something has come between the power at Washington and the young republican boss in Virginia. There is deep mystery as to the nature of the trouble and the cause of the alienation of the affections of the president.

Why, this is easy. Mr. Taft is quite an astute man, and he had only to weigh Mr. Sleep in the balance to find him wanting.

THAT house cats annually kill millions of wild birds in the United States, and that their virtue as destroyers of rats and mice is exaggerated, is the statement of A. K. Fisher, of the Department of Agriculture. This indictment of the domestic cat as a wholesale destroyer of birds is probably pretty widely deserved. Of course, the fluffy Angora pet, with its blue ribbon and serpentine eyes, is not guilty. It has no chance to sin so long as the canary's cage hangs high. But the average grimaldine of the suburbs and the farm is an all but incorrigible bird slayer which will never bother with rats and mice so long as birds are within reach.

IN THE Lynchburg police court yesterday a man was fined \$50 for selling cider in violation of the Byrd law, Mayor Smith holding that the statute does not permit this in prohibited territory such as Lynchburg. An appeal was noted and the case will go to the Corporation Court in September. The prohibitionists appear to be carrying their ideas too far in Virginia. At this season of the year cider is generally drunk throughout the state and is a most wholesome and refreshing beverage and it is not believed that any law on the statute books can be justly construed prohibiting the sale of cider.

A REPORT given out at the Treasury Department at Washington states that the banks are overflowing with money and the officials of the office of the comptroller of the currency hold that this shows a prosperous condition of the country. There are many who will dispute this theory with these officials. If the banks hold all the money it shows that the business men are not using it and that so long as this condition continues business must be dull.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Aug. 27.—A request was sent to the mayor of Greater New York today by Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop asking that an investigation of the sewerage conditions about the Brooklyn navy yard be taken up, with a view of removing the sewers lying about the new drydock. It has been found by the contractors that cave-ins in the excavation for the drydock are being caused by leaks in the sewers which run along one side.

Fourteen of the twenty casks containing the skins sent by former President Roosevelt from his African trip have been opened at the National Mu-

seum. The skins are in excellent condition and are said to be the finest ever received at the museum.

Charges of favoritism and extravagance in the purchase of paint supplies for the Panama canal, were met by a statement today by officials of the purchasing department that the awarding of the contract was in every sense regular, and that at the request of the secretary of war a full report will be prepared, showing this to be the case. At the present time the canal commission is manufacturing its own paint at a price less than that for which it could be purchased. This is given as an explanation why the latest proposals for estimates on 20,000 gallons were withdrawn. The questions involved in the charges necessitate going back through the records for a long period, but this will be done in case the secretary of war decides to make a public explanation to clear away the charges.

A message of congratulation from President Taft was received at the Navy Department today on the winning of the national trophy for rifle practice by the navy team, at Camp Perry, Ohio. The scores this year have shown much improvement over last year, and President Taft is taking a personal interest in the marksmanship of both branches of the service.

Official advice from the American minister at The Hague, Arthur M. Baupre, indicates that the cholera outbreak is not so extensive as has been generally reported. The minister stated that two isolated cases are under observation; there is no general epidemic. The water supply has been examined without bringing to light any evidence of cholera contamination.

The following announcement was made at the Interior Department today:

"Pursuant to the policy of Secretary Ballinger, Acting Secretary Pierce today withdrew for temporary power sites 101,660 acres of land along the Green river in Utah, with a view of reporting the withdrawal to Congress in order that proper legislation may be enacted to preserve power sites to the government and prevent monopolies.

THE FIREMEN.

With 70 men in line and headed by its brass band, the Harrisonburg Fire Company carried off first honor in the parade of the Virginia State firemen's convention at Hampton yesterday afternoon. Harrisonburg took the first prize of \$100 for the largest and best appearing company, as well as the prize of \$50 for the best band in the line of march. The Annex Hose Company, of Portsmouth, was awarded \$50 for the second largest and best appearing company. The parade was more than a mile and a half in length. Today the convention will close with championship hose reel races.

The business sessions of the convention were harmoniously carried out, although several heated discussions took place during the night session. The association showed that the firemen are opposed to going to "dry" towns, or when the matter of the next place of meeting was taken up Staunton, which has just voted the saloons out, hardly got a corporal's guard in the vote-getting against Alexandria, her only competitor. In presenting the invitation from Alexandria, Capt. J. R. N. Curtin directed the attention of the firemen to the fact that Alexandria is not a "dry" city. Capt. Curtin told the firemen that Alexandria would give them fine treatment and the laddies almost fell over themselves in voting to go to that city.

Five members of the Reliance company, of this city, returned from Hampton this morning. The other Alexandrians and the visiting firemen will return tomorrow and the latter will report to their homes on the 8:47 Manassas train.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

Drugged, robbed of \$1,800, his savings for 30 years, and placed aboard a train at New Orleans, where he remained in a stupor until he reached Washington, First Sgt. Thomas Parker, of Company D, Sixth Regiment, United States Cavalry, stationed in the Philippines, and who was retired three months ago, yesterday appealed to the Washington police to help him recover his property.

Sgt. Parker says he is nearly 60 years old. He said: "I was paid off in checks when retired three months ago and decided to make my home in Washington. I traveled by the Southern Pacific after reaching the Pacific coast, and stopped off in New Orleans to change trains. I met several men there and I cashed my checks, obtaining about \$1,800 in new bills. I remember talking a while with the men, and suddenly my senses left me. I believe I was struck on the back of the head. At any rate I was placed aboard a Washington-bound train, for during the course of conversation with my newly formed acquaintances I mentioned the fact that I was bound for Washington. I cannot even find my baggage. I am a graduate of Oxford, and came to this country from England about 30 years ago and enlisted in the United States army, where I have served ever since."

THE WAR IN MOROCCO.

Dispatches from Melilla, Morocco, say fighting is general on the Moroccan coast. The new Spanish artillery has wrought terrible havoc among the Moors, who have lost 1,000 men in the last three days. The Spanish casualties amount to 350.

A Spanish column has destroyed three villages near Restinga. A Moorish deserter, who has come into the Spanish lines, declares that Spanish prisoners, after being horribly tortured and mutilated, are decapitated and their dead bodies flung into a hole on Mount Gargara. This hole is a mass of corpses. Estimates place the number of Spanish prisoners at 1,000.

The water being doled out to the Spanish troops is insufficient. The officers buy mineral waters, but this the men cannot afford to do, and driven by their overwhelming thirst, they have drunk from stagnant pools. Many cases of poisoning have resulted. Already 53 men have died from this cause and 170 have been sent to the hospital.

Rumors that H. W. Wiley, National Chemist, will soon be released from his official position, were renewed today at the session of the Pure Food Convention in Denver, Col., and the anti-Wiley forces renewed, with redoubled vigor, their fight for control of the organization through the election of their own officers.

News of the Day.

William Wise, a Petersburg negro, was electrocuted today in the penitentiary at Richmond for the murder of Thomas Walker.

The Earl of Carnarvon was seriously hurt this afternoon in an automobile smash-up at Rheims, France, where he had gone to witness the aviation contests.

Following a severe attack of hiccoughs John Duane, aged 50, a blacksmith, died at his home at Middletown, Conn., today. For the past two weeks he has hiccoughed continuously.

There has been a sharp fight between Turkish troops and Albanians at Rogova. It is stated that the losses of the rebels were severe. The arrival of strong reinforcements of troops has compelled the Albanians to capitulate.

The first annual meeting of the United Association of Stammerers and Stutterers of the World, met at Detroit today. About 100 persons afflicted with impediments in their speech are present from all parts of the United States and Canada.

General council of the American Bar Association which closed its annual convention at Detroit, today, reported the following nominations for officers for the ensuing year. President, Charles E. Libby, Maine; secretary, George Whitlock, Maryland and treasurer, Fred Wadsworth, New York. The nominations will be ratified later.

At the closing session of the Pennsylvania Retail Merchants' Association convention at Pottsville, yesterday, a resolution was adopted condemning the action of Speaker Cannon, of the national House of Representatives, in not appointing Congressman Fowler, of New Jersey, as chairman of the committee on banking and currency.

Despite their denials that Mrs. Sutton had been granted permission to remove the remains of her son, the late Lieut. James N. Sutton, jr., of the Marine Corps, from his grave at the Arlington national cemetery, officials of the quartermaster-general's office, War Department, now admit that such a permit had been granted, but that the exhumation would not take place until certain details had been decided.

An effort to kill Michael Bassart and his family at Pittston, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., yesterday, by dynamite, failed, but the explosion shattered the house in which he lives. Bassart had been threatened by the Black Hand Society for some time. Yesterday there was a terrific explosion in the hall of the flat occupied by Bassart. Members of his family were slightly injured by falling plaster. The police have made four arrests.

"Resolved, That this association hereby indorses the report of the referee board of consulting scientific experts appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson at the direction of President Roosevelt upon the use of benzene of soda in food products." By the passage of the above resolution after a stormy session at Denver yesterday afternoon the association of state and national pure food and dairy officers indorses the referee board, sustained Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, and administered defeat to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

A loud report just behind his automobile caused Baron Schlippenbach, the Russian consul general, to leap from the machine on Fifth avenue, New York, yesterday afternoon and grasp the arm of a traffic policeman, Aleck Nittel. The consul general's face was as white as chalk. "He thought it was a bomb," said Nittel, in relating the incident, "but it was only the explosion of one of his rear tires." The damage to the baron's car was caused by another chauffeur trying to pass and striking the tire of the Russian's car with the hub of his own machine.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Nanette Taylor Lynghorne, wife of John Lynghorne of Lynchburg died Wednesday at Atlantic City.

Five hundred dollars in notes without a line to indicate the name of the sender was received at the state auditor's office yesterday. The letter came from a man who in March sent a similar amount to the conscience fund.

A dispatch from Lawrenceville says Mrs. Pelham Daniel, living near Tobacco postoffice, committed suicide early yesterday morning by cutting her throat. She had been in declining health for some time, and brooding over her condition affected her mind. She leaves a husband and five children.

John B. Wood who resides on a farm near Danville is engaged in constructing a large ship which he claims will exceed all other endeavors along this line. He claims to have conceived an idea whereby assistance needed in making a start and in landing can be eliminated, and that he can direct his machine through the air, the same as he can his driving horse through the streets.

Fifty business men, representing all political faiths, will tender a farewell banquet at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, tonight, in honor of Royall E. Cabell, the retiring postmaster of Richmond, who goes to Washington on September 1 to assume the duties of commissioner of the internal revenue. Mr. Cabell's resignation as postmaster of Richmond will become effective on August 31.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

That there is an epidemic of infantile paralysis, from which 200 children in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn are suffering, came to light yesterday. More than 40 cases have been handled by one physician in the section alone. Four out of every five patients are boy babies. For years the medical profession has put forth every effort in order to get at the origin of the disease, which grips the muscles of the lower and upper extremities. In rare instances has the disease been known to affect the face. It occurs most commonly within the first two to five years of a child's life. The disease attacks the healthiest of children and usually where the child is bottle-fed. A high fever that reaches sometimes to 105 degrees, followed by convulsions and then a relaxation, are the symptoms.

The Brownsville epidemic is about the fourth that has been known in the world. In 1894, in Rutland, Vt., there was a similar outbreak. One hundred and nineteen cases were reported. Eighteen deaths resulted. Other epidemics have occurred in London and also Ontario, Canada, since that time.

Today's Telegraphic News

Feats of the Aviators.

Rheims, Aug. 27.—Hubert Latham will, in all probability, win first honors in the Grand Prix de la Champagne, with his record flight yesterday of 97 miles in 2 hours and 13 seconds. Paulhan, his most dangerous rival, set out today to win back the honor that on Wednesday evening was believed to be his, but his bi-plane fell early in today's trial and smashed a wing. Paulhan was unhurt, as the machine fell when not at a great height. The machine was so badly injured that it is not believed that it can be got in shape for another long distance flight. It is probable, therefore, that Latham, Paulhan and Comte de Lambert will carry off the first three prizes, for distance; Paulhan second, with a flight of 83.8 miles and Lambert third with one of 71.2-5 miles.

Stuttgart, Aug. 27.—Count Zepplin's new airship, Zepplin III, passed over Stuttgart shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, on its cruise to Berlin. The trip to Stuttgart from Friedrichshafen, about 130 miles, had been made in five and one-half hours. The start from Friedrichshafen was delayed by a heavy rain last night. Messages dropped here say the new ship is behaving splendidly and that no attempt at fast sailing will be made. Count Zepplin will board the balloon in Bitterfeld tomorrow, and if everything goes well he will make a triumphant entry in the German capital tomorrow afternoon.

Unsuccessful Attempts at Suicide. New York, Aug. 27.—The suicide pact between Florence L. Wood, of Brooklyn, and her 19-year-old fiancé, Frank E. Williamson, also of Brooklyn, will probably fail, according to the authorities at Bushwick Hospital, who say today that both of the young people have excellent chances of recovery. Miss Wood was despondent over her health and over the fact that Williamson could not earn money enough for them to get married on. It was at her instigation that Williamson fired a bullet from a small revolver into her temple last night and then turned the revolver on himself. After the youthful lovers had been taken away in an ambulance, Miss Wood's parents found two notes in her room, explaining the motives of the deed and asking forgiveness.

Bomb Exploded in Barcelona.

London, Aug. 27.—The London Mail today prints a dispatch from Vernet-Les-Bains, a French watering place, saying that a bomb was exploded on a crowded square in Barcelona last evening, wounding a number of persons. According to the Vernet-Les-Bains correspondent, bomb outrages are of almost daily occurrence in Barcelona and disorders are still prevalent. Practically the only news of the conditions there gets to the outside world through the mails and people leaving the city. The censorship is rigid and the newspapers are not permitted to publish stories of the disorders. Many of the police have been discharged for refusing to act against the revolutionists that still swarm the city. Several of the policemen have been arrested on charges of complicity in the outbreaks.

A Denial from Miss Christie.

New York, Aug. 27.—Miss Estelle Christie, "The perfect chorus girl," for whom Lord Eliot killed himself this week in England today denied that their engagement had been broken off at the demand of the young peer's family. Miss Christie is now living in New York. "I broke the engagement myself," says Miss Christie, "because after a long consideration I did not think it right for American girls to marry English noblemen. I do not believe Lord Eliot committed suicide. I think his death was accidental, despite the coroner's report."

Gave Up Attempt.

Dover, Aug. 27.—Jabez Wolfe had to give up his attempt to swim the English channel after being in the water nine hours and covering thirteen miles. Wolfe returned to Dover today, a cord the relief boat that followed him. He says he has had enough of channel swimming.

Just about the time Wolfe came back to Dover, Edward Heaton, of Liverpool, one of the strongest swimmers in England, slipped into the water and set out for the French coast. He was confident that he would be able to swim the channel.

Case Postponed.

New York, Aug. 27.—Under an agreement between the counsel for the American Sugar Refining Company and United States District Attorney Wise, the time for the sugar trust officials to plead to the indictments found against them by the federal grand jury which was set for today, was adjourned until September 10, the adjournment being taken because neither the prosecutor nor the defendants seem to know what will be the outcome of the present investigations of the federal grand jury, which is still digging into the sugar cases.

Damage by Storms.

Havana, Aug. 27.—Government officials today estimated the loss from recent rain and wind storms throughout Cuba at \$3,000,000. More than \$1,000,000 loss has been wrought in the Pinar del Rio province alone. The sugar industry at Nipe Bay and Pienon are the heaviest losers. The tobacco crop in the vicinity of Banes is almost wholly destroyed and many warehouses in Banes also suffered. Santiago province reports almost as heavy loss as in Pinar del Rio.

Dismal Fire.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 27.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the oil tank of the Standard Oil Co., in south Main street, and threatened the total destruction of the Lewis lumber yards, which at midnight were ablaze. Several people are reported to have been injured by explosions among the oil tanks. The fire was under control at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Three oil and gasoline tanks with a combined capacity of 50,000 gallons were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Will Fight the Government.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27.—At a secret meeting in St. Louis the willing interests of the country inaugurated a plan to raise a fund of several million dollars to fight the United States government in the defense of Millers prosecuted for selling bleached flour. The movement is backed by the Millers' National Federation. A tax of 25 cents a barrel on flour will be charged the members of the association and paid into the fund.

Mr. Harriman.

Turners, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Edward H. Harriman has not walked 100 steps since his special train brought him to Arden and his automobile carried him to the inclined railroad which brought him to the top of Tower Hill. An invalid's chair, about a portable couch, carries him about the Tower Hill when he is not sleeping. Mr. Harriman has slept a great deal, both by day and by night, since his return to Arden. His sole open air experience yesterday was a few moments he spent on the veranda about 4:30 in the afternoon. Dr. W. G. Lytle, the magnate's personal physician, ordered him indoors as soon as he found him there.

The hundreds of employees on the new Harriman building and the residents of Orange county are firm in the belief that Harriman is suffering from cancer of a malignant type, in spite of the denials of his physicians and members of the family. This same "below stairs" rumor declares that the physicians are contemplating a grave operation within a short time.

Shortly after 10 o'clock two tanks of chemically pure oxygen were unloaded at the Arden station from a special train on the Erie road. They were immediately loaded into one of the Harriman automobiles, taken up to the Harriman home on Tower Hill. At 10:52, two men who had every appearance of being physicians left the train at Turners. The two jumped into another waiting automobile and were carried away to the inclined railroad, two miles from Turners.

Mr. Harriman had not left his mansion on Tower Hill up to 12:20 this afternoon.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Dr. H. F. Biggar, personal physician to John D. Rockefeller, declared his belief today that Mr. Harriman is suffering from the ravages of cancer in the stomach. Dr. Biggar says the course of treatment Harriman underwent at the hands of European specialists indicates they were confirming a diagnosis of cancer. In that case, Dr. Biggar avers, an operation is a forlorn hope and Harriman has only a few weeks to live.

The general impression about the Harriman home is that an immediate operation has been ordered by Mr. Harriman's physicians and that the oxygen was brought as a precaution in the event the fancier, in his weakened condition, fails to rally as a result of the work of the surgeon's knife. Every indication points to an operation of some kind though no official statement of any kind will be vouchsafed at the Harriman home.

New York, Aug. 27.—The New York News Bureau, a Wall street agency, this afternoon declares that E. H. Harriman is not suffering from any organic disease and that the story that his ailment is a cancer of malignant type is unfounded. The agency declares Harriman suffers from nothing more serious than a nervous breakdown, "from which recovery may be secured by a course of complete rest from business cares and worries of all kinds."

National Conservation Congress.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27.—Chief Forester Pinchot opened the second day's session of the National Conservation Congress with an address in which he expressed his entire satisfaction and confidence in the attitude of President Taft toward conserving the national resources.

Ex-Governor Pardee, of California, who attacked Secretary Ballinger at the Spokane sessions, also spoke. Among others he urged waterway improvement and quoted from Roosevelt's speech at the conference of governors, last winter, stating that conservation was the most vital problem confronting the nation. He then discussed the proposition in its general terms.

The following message from President Taft was read before the members of the National Conservation Congress here today:

Executive Office, Beverly, Mass., August 26.

First National Conservative Congress, Seattle. I congratulate you upon the object of your meeting and hope that your deliberations will result in useful conclusions. You can count upon the earnest support of this administration on the policy of conservation of the natural resources by every reasonable means property within the federal jurisdiction and such recommendations to Congress as may be best adapted to secure us full legislation toward the same end.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Ambassador Reid at Beverly.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 27.—The president today received Whitelaw Reid, United States ambassador to the Court of St. James, and discussed with him various diplomatic subjects. Mr. Reid is, as is well known, anxious to continue in office at London, and while no official announcement has been made to that effect, will probably remain in his present post until well into the winter. The president has announced that no diplomatic changes will be made until Congress meets, and since the refusal of Dr. Eliot to take the place, the administration has been up in the air as regards his successor.

The Cholera in Rotterdam.

London, Aug. 27.—Local health officers in all the large English cities today sent out circulars telling the public how to guard against cholera, which is rapidly becoming epidemic in Rotterdam. Despite official assurances that there is little danger of the disease reaching England, the highest medical authorities in the country are alarmed and are taking an active part in the precautionary measures.

The real situation in Rotterdam is being suppressed, if the statements of persons arriving from there are correct. They say the disease will soon be beyond control.

Plead Not Guilty.

New York, Aug. 27.—Walter L. Clark, note broker, first indicted for allowed complicity in the theft of \$110,000 worth of bonds belonging to F. Augustus Heitz, and then reindicted as a "second offender," was arraigned before Justice Malquene today and pleaded not guilty. His bond of \$20,000 was continued.

Fourteen Miners Killed.

Penycraig, Wales, Aug. 27.—Fourteen miners are believed to have lost their lives here today by the falling of a mine cage. Five corpses have already been taken from the wreckage and nine miners are missing. Twelve miners were injured, so far as is now known.

REAL ESTATE

For Sale

Desirable King Street Property.

I am authorized to offer for sale a well-built three-story Brick Dwelling on upper King street, containing 10 rooms and bath, all in first-class condition. Being a very desirable location house is always rented, and will prove an excellent investment. The lot has a frontage of 23 feet on King street and a depth of 105 feet to a 10 foot alley.

I have also a splendid two-story Frame Dwelling, No. 423 north Alfred street, which contains 8 nice rooms and bath, with a good stable in rear. Inspection invited.

Further particulars at my office.

John D. Normoyle

KING AND ROYAL STREETS.

Fatal Blow.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27.—While engaged in a fist fight with a companion today at Shackamaxon street ferry, 16-year-old Frank Welsh, of Camden, received a blow on the point of his chin that caused his death a few minutes afterward. Eugene Hahill, of this city, the dead boy's opponent, is in custody.

Frank Welsh was employed by the Quigley Davis Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, and had been sent to the hardware firm of Ulmer and Company, at the ferry to make a purchase. As he left the store some one passed a remark criticizing his wearing apparel. He thought the author of the words to be Hahill, and an altercation followed.

Suddenly, it is said, Hahill swung his right arm and landed hard on Welsh's chin. Welsh toppled backward to the ground. Lookers-on hurried to the fallen lad's side and made frantic efforts to resuscitate him. He was placed in a patrol wagon and hurried to St. Mary's Hospital, but died before that institution was reached. Hahill refuses to make any statement except to repeat over and over "he struck me first."

Suicide of a Young Woman.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27.—Despondent over her inability to win for her scholars a contest toward which she had bent every energy, and suffering from a general attack of nervous prostration and melancholia, Miss Edna M. Schaeffer, 20 years old, a popular school teacher of this city, who has been spending the summer at Delanco, N. J., in an effort to regain her health, escaped from the vigil of her nurse last night, and running to the Bancocas creek, jumped to her death. The overwrought girl evidently regretted her tragic act the second after she had jumped, and as she struck the water, cried pitifully for help. Three men who were walking a short distance from the creek hurried to the rescue. Although they repeatedly plunged to the bottom of the stream they could find no trace of the girl and her body was not recovered until early today.

Wants Tariff Extended

Paris, Aug. 27.—France today opened negotiations with the United States looking to an extension of existing tariff rates until August, 1910, or at least, until February 1910. The immediate imposition of the new rates, according to Minister of Commerce Crouppel and other government officials, will result in endless embarrassment and much hardship to French manufacturers. Within a year it is hoped that conditions will so adjust themselves that the new tariff can go into effect with the least possible disturbance.

Strike-breakers Quit Work.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26.—Declaring that they had "been treated worse than dogs, given rotten food, threatened with having their heads blown off, and not paid what they had been promised," 200 men brought to the Pressed Steel Car Plant as strike-breakers, walked out in a body today. The men stated that there were about 300 more strike-breakers in the plant and that they were going to quit tomorrow morning. This will again completely tie up all the work in the car shop.

Young Woman Drowned.

Ocean City, N. J., Aug. 25.—Miss Eleanor Kennedy, aged 25 years, a school teacher in a public school in Kensington, Philadelphia, was drowned here today while bathing. Miss Kennedy wore a pair of floating wings which carried her out beyond her depth. Becoming frightened, she became entangled in the wings, and before help reached she was drowned.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 27.—Newspaper reports giving a more reassuring tone to their conception of Harriman's condition were used as influence on the bull side at the opening. There were advances of from 1 to 2 points at the beginning of business. As the hour progressed the same open inside selling from important sources was again in evidence. At the end of the hour the market ruled generally strong. Vigorous drives were made after the first hour's trading with some heavy selling of steel common, the prominent feature of the late forenoon trading. The decline in this stock had a temporary influence on many other issues. Many large buying orders appeared shortly after noon and a general upward movement started.

As a result of the statement regarding Harriman's condition this afternoon by the News Bureau, declaring that the financier was suffering from no malignant, an immediate rise of stocks was noticed.

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS.

The above-named society, composed of direct descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, contemplates celebrating this year, in an impressive manner, at Yorktown, the 128th anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his British forces to General George Washington on October 19, 1781. The program will probably cover three days—October 17, 18 and 19—the first day being devoted

to patriotic services in the famous old Episcopal church at Yorktown; the second day to be known as "Thomas Nelson Day," the main feature being a reunion of the descendants of Thomas Nelson, jr., and the 19th, to be known as "Surrender Day," will be devoted to parade of military and naval forces in the morning, literary exercises on the surrender grounds in the afternoon, and fireworks and illuminations of the harbor at night, along with numerous other attractive features.

WIELED A HATPIN.

While her husband, barricaded behind an umbrella, attempted to parley with two highwaymen in Chicago, Wednesday night, Mrs. Charles F. Thill sprang upon the startled robbers and wielded a hatpin with such telling effect that in an instant the bandits were in full flight. The attack occurred in front of the Ward of Trade Building. "You take the little fellow, dearie," called Mrs. Thill, as she leaped at the taller of the two men, "I'll try and lull after this one."

Surprised at the suddenness of the attack the robber was hurled to the pavement and, quick as a flash, the long hatpin was jabbing him. The robber was fighting a losing battle when he was rescued by his comrade, who felled Thill with a blow and then turned upon Mrs. Thill. An instant later the men disappeared down an alley.

DIPLOMATS OLASH.

Marquis de Villalobar, minister from Spain, was entertained with a banquet last night as the culmination of his visit to Toledo, Ohio, to attend the King Wamba carnival. The attendance of Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, ambassador from Mexico, who had accepted an invitation, was